

## **Harris, Douglas (VDH)**

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**To:** Boswell, Peter (VDH); Harris, Douglas (VDH)  
**Subject:** Wellmont and Mountain States merger

I have been a registered nurse with Wellmont for 30 years. I can assure you this merger is really not desired by our communities. This is a monopoly!

Patients, physicians, and the medical work force will no longer have the option of a choice for care or work. Do you realize that, for us to seek care or work, we will have to travel extremely long distances to escape a monopolized system? And what about price gouging? If there is no competition they can do as they please.

Please consider not allowing the merge.

Please pass this plea along to whomever needs to hear this request.

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